

## Research priorities in diseases in province of ardebil, Iran

### Abstract:

**Background and objectives:** Shortage in resources mandates us to allocate our limited resources to priorities to achieve an acceptable level of health. Our objective was to determine research priorities in diseases in province of Ardebil , Iran.

**Methods and materials:** The group that would benefit from our research was identified and authorities including physicians and managers were spotted and given a questionnaire including 2 essential questions;

- 1) The most common problem with which they are facing and
- 2) The most important problems requiring a solution.

To determine prevalence of the problems, previous studies and provincial statistics were reviewed and prevalence rates were calculated. Finally, using index selection technique, prioritization was done according to 22 individuals` opinions.

**Finding:** 50 research areas were identified as research priorities of the province. The highest and lowest scores were 2269.5 and 1182.3 which would represent first and last research priorities. Furthermore as most areas had research priority from technical viewpoint, 25 sets based on different medical branches, were listed.

**Conclusion:** Our findings show that research priorities in area of diseases differ from what has been done up to now.

**Key words:** Research priorities, health